

THREE HOLDUPS NET \$5,242; NO ARRESTS

Bandits in Auto Shoot Man on Way to Bank and Escape With \$2,942.

SHOTS HALT PURSUERS

Robbers Play Old Trick of Forcing Victim's Auto. mobile Onto Curb.

LICENSE TAGS CAUGHT

Conley Concessionaire Loses \$2,000 and Part of Mustang—\$300 From Store.

Benjamin Siragusa, of 336 East Eleventh street, left the office of the Prudential Condensed Milk Company in 339 East Twelfth street, which he operates with his brothers, John and Charles, yesterday afternoon with \$2,618 in cash and \$329 in checks, which he was to take to the Mechanics and Metals National Bank to deposit. He had the money in a canvas bag, and put it alongside him on the seat of the touring car in which he intended to make the trip.

Siragusa drove west in Twelfth street, and in front of 311 near Second avenue, another automobile with three men in it put out from the right curb and blocked the machine. Siragusa stopped his car and began to argue with the three men, and a quarrel developed. Meanwhile the other car kept crowding Siragusa's machine toward the left, so that in a few moments the wheels grated against the curb. Then a man in a gray suit and a cap stepped on the running board of Siragusa's machine and pointed a revolver at him.

The man commanded Siragusa to hold up his hands, and Siragusa did so, but the man fired a shot at him anyway, the bullet striking Siragusa in the right shoulder. He fell back in his seat and the bandit grabbed the bag of money and checks and ran into Second avenue.

Almost at once Siragusa recovered, jumped from his machine and set out in pursuit, shouting for the police. His cries attracted much attention and several men tried to stop the bandit as he rounded the corner into Second avenue, but he fired two shots at them and they fell back. The bandit jumped into the automobile containing the three men, which had turned the corner, and the machine went swiftly down Second avenue. Several persons gave the police the numbers of the license tags of the car.

Siragusa collapsed after he had gone a short distance into Second avenue and was sent to St. Mark's Hospital by Patrolman Daly of the Fifth street station. The police said that twelve years ago the Siragusa brothers were victims of extensive Black Hand persecutions, in which bombs were exploded in their homes and in their wagons, and that until two men had been sent to prison.

Three masked and armed men bound and gagged Siragusa's brother-in-law in his orange car at Brighton Beach early yesterday morning, and after torturing him by pulling out hairs of his mustache they robbed him of \$1,600 in cash and \$400 in Liberty bonds. When the police reached the place they found Vasiliopoulos with only half a mustache and with none whatever of the receipts from the fifteen bank concessions which he operates.

Vasiliopoulos told the police he was asleep when the burglars entered and that they forced him into the bedroom and tied him with ropes and strings and surgeons' tape, covering his head with the tape. One bandit then stood guard over him and pulled a bar from his mustache every time he moved, while the other broke open the safe and got the money and bonds. Half an hour after they had gone Vasiliopoulos hid himself of the bandages and notified the police, who obtained finger prints from the safe.

Benjamin Grantburg, clerk in a United Cigars store at 22th street and Lenox avenue, told the police yesterday that two men entered the establishment soon after he started for business, backed him into a rear room at the point of a revolver, tied his hands and feet and made off in a waiting automobile with \$250 taken from the safe and \$50 he had just placed in the cash register.

CABARET SINGER SAVED FROM ATTACK BY 3 MEN

Policeman Captures One, but Two Escape.

Patrolman Kline in a booth in front of the Montefiore Home, near Gunhill road and Jerome avenue, the Bronx heard a scream from nearby woods early yesterday. He hurried along Gunhill road and came upon a motor car which was just gathering headway. Cries were issuing from the automobile. When the driver refused to stop, Kline fired several shots at the rear tires, puncturing both and halting the machine.

Two men jumped from the motor car and disappeared in the bushes. A third, who described himself as Thomas Dwyer of 300 West 144th street, was arrested. In the automobile, crying hysterically, Kline asserted he found a woman who said she was Margaret Smith of 128 West 48th street, a cabaret singer. A loaded revolver was on the floor of the car.

At the Bronx Park police station the woman said the three men invited her to take a ride and had attacked her. She was taken to Pordham Hospital. Dwyer was locked up, charged with felonious assault and violation of the Sullivan law. He was later held by Magistrate Simms in the West Farms Court in \$10,000 bail for examination to-morrow.

The police say Dwyer is also known to them as Thomas Quirk and Anthony O'Connor, and that he has served time at Elmira for burglary. The men met the Smith woman at a downtown cabaret, the police say.

BOY'S BODY FOUND.

The body of a ten year old boy, later identified by Mrs. Mate Sharpstein of 371 West 119th street, as Henry Otto, of the same address, was taken from the Hudson River at 25th street yesterday.

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SOCIETY ON CASUALTY LIST IN RIPE TOMATO BARRAGE

Counsel for Astoria Woman, Convicted, Secures Stay of Sentence When Citizens Declare Boys Responsible for Shower of Vegetables.

Mrs. Madeline Le Compté Rose, wife of a copper broker of 109 Woolsey street, Astoria, appeared yesterday before Magistrate Miller in the Long Island City police court to be sentenced for throwing a very ripe tomato at Miss Adele Campbell of 105 Woolsey street, of which charge she was convicted last Friday. The tomato that aroused Miss Campbell and caused her to have Mrs. Rose arrested was one of a shower that suddenly came down upon Woolsey street.

Mrs. Rose was not sentenced, however, because her lawyer, William J. Morris, told the Magistrate that he had some newly discovered evidence which he desired to bring to the attention of the court and wished a little time to get it ready. The Magistrate set September 21 as the date for passing sentence, since there was no objection from the Campbell faction.

"I desire to state to your Honor," Mr. Morris told the court, "that a number of the leading citizens of Astoria have communicated with me in regard to this case and they desire to give evidence. Mrs. Rose did not throw that tomato, and we can show it by further evidence to the satisfaction of your Honor."

Mr. Morris said that one of his witnesses would be an Astoria social leader who was hit in the eye by a ripe tomato and another who saw a tomato splatter upon the windshield of her expensive automobile. The contention of the Rose faction is that the tomatoes were thrown by nasty, bad boys.

MAN ON POOR FARM NOT AMBROSE SMALL

Is Identified as John Daugherty After Detectives Are Forced to Produce Him.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Aug. 15.—A man who private detectives declared was Ambrose J. Small, Toronto theatre magnate, missing since December, 1919, and who was said to have been found at the Polk County Poor Farm, is John Daugherty, injured December 4, 1917, and taken to the farm on January 11, 1919, authorities at the farm announced last day.

John J. Brophy and Frank Hart, former Des Moines policemen, and the detectives who maintained that the man was Small, had refused to reveal his whereabouts until after a writ of habeas corpus had been issued this afternoon, demanding that he be produced in court at 9 A. M. Tuesday.

When the man was pointed out he was quickly identified as Daugherty. The detectives had said that the man they claimed to be Small had lost both legs and had been otherwise injured.

The detectives had maintained secrecy as to the man's whereabouts, they said, because they desired to be certain of obtaining the \$50,000 reward offered for Small's return to Toronto. They said that they had had the man under surveillance for six months and had learned that he had been brought here nearly a year ago by John Doughty, Small's former secretary, who is serving a prison term in Canada for the theft of some of the missing millionaire's stocks and bonds.

Investigations conducted by newspapers led to the identification of the man the detectives said was Small. Daugherty, who has no legs, is helpless. He lost both legs when run over by a train in Des Moines December 4, 1917. He was taken to the county farm in January, 1919, and has been there since. Small did not disappear until December of that year.

The habeas corpus proceedings which were instituted against Brophy and Hart by Chief of Police Saunders, probably will be dropped.

MRS. GEORGE J. AINSLIE SUES FOR SEPARATION

Son of Art Dealer Accused of Cruelty and Desertion.

George J. Ainslie, son of George H. Ainslie, art dealer, of 615 Fifth avenue, was named defendant yesterday in a suit for separation begun in the Supreme court by Mrs. Marie Josephine Ainslie.

They were married October 27, 1917, and have three children. She charges cruelty and desertion.

His failure to provide support forced her to earn her own living soon after they were married, Mrs. Ainslie recites. She says when she was thus earning her way, December 28, 1918, Mr. Ainslie threw iodine at her, severely burning her face and cheeks.

Mrs. Ainslie alleges that her husband struck her and knocked her down with a provocation in their apartment at 419 Broadway on August 1, 1920, and abandoned her, but returned frequently to threaten further violence. Since that time she has sent her \$20 a week, but she has been forced to rent out three rooms in order to live, she alleges. Mrs. Ainslie expresses her belief that her husband is now earning \$100 or \$150 a week working for his father.

MOTHER NEAR DEATH; SPEEDER GOES FREE

Twenty Chauffeurs Sent to Jail by Traffic Court.

Magistrate House in Traffic Court yesterday suspended sentence on Arthur K. Deutsch, a secretary, of 351 West 131st street, who was served with a summons on August 4 for driving his automobile in Fifth avenue at thirty miles an hour.

Deutsch said he had received a telegram that his mother was dying and that he was hurrying to her when the policeman halted him. Investigation supported his story, it being found that his mother died the following morning. On giving the prisoner his freedom the court extended condolences.

A fine of \$25 was imposed on Georgia Hopkin, a motion picture actress, of 331 Glenwood avenue, Leominster, N. J., who was summoned on August 3 for driving at thirty miles an hour. She protested that she was on her way to the Grand Central Terminal to see her father, who was ill.

Walter D. Nevins of 228 Fourteenth street, a chauffeur, charged with speeding, a third offender, lost his license and was sent to the Tombs for ten days. A five day sentence was imposed on William Clark of 450 West Twenty-ninth street, a second offender. Eighteen chauffeurs defaulted the payment of fines and went to jail for from three to ten days each.

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BEDRIDDEN WOMAN BEATEN BY A NEGRO

Jersey Poses Out Pursuing Man Who Blackjacked and Robbed Invalid.

HAMMONTON, N. J., Aug. 15.—Armed men in motor cars are hurrying over the country surrounding this city in an effort to catch a negro who entered the home of Mrs. Mary Ritter in Barrington and blackjacked her until she was unconscious. The negro escaped with \$100 in cash which the woman had hidden under her pillow.

The crime has caused much excitement in the vicinity of Hammonton and Barrington. The authorities fear an attempt may be made to lynch the negro if he is caught. They are preparing to take steps to prevent any harm to him.

Mrs. Ritter had been ill for some time, and was lying helpless in her bed, alone in the house, when the negro entered through a rear room, the door of which had been left unlocked. He walked all over the house. When Mrs. Ritter, hearing the heavy footsteps about the place, demanded to know who was there, the negro walked into her room and stood for a moment staring at her.

"What's the matter with you?" he demanded.

"I'm sick," said Mrs. Ritter. "I'm not able to sit up."

The negro demanded that she give him her money and Mrs. Ritter told him that she had none. He said he would kill her if she refused to tell him where she had hidden her cash. When she repeated that she had none, he leaped forward and struck her several times on the head with a blackjack, breaking her scalp and knocking her unconscious. Then he searched the room and found the money under the pillow, apparently only after he had ransacked the bureau drawers and upset all the furniture in the room.

The negro paid no attention to the bloodstained, unconscious woman on the bed, but went upstairs and ransacked every room in the house. He stole a few articles of small value, but so far as the authorities have been able to learn, was unable to find any money other than that he got from beneath Mrs. Ritter's pillow. Mrs. Ritter believes that he must have spent at least half an hour in the house after blackjacking her. He was still prowling around upstairs when she became conscious, but when she began to scream she heard him open and close the front door and run down the walk toward the road.

Mrs. Ritter screamed for some time before any one heard her. Neighbors went into the house and after caring for her gave the alarm. Every automobile in the neighborhood was at once pressed into service, men went to their homes to get their weapons, and fifteen minutes after the negro had escaped several automobiles filled with armed men had started in pursuit.

GRANITE STATE'S HULL TO BE SOLD THURSDAY

Burned Hulk Offers Tons of Copper for Salvage.

All that remains of the old Granite State, third oldest naval hull in the country, is to be sold on Thursday. The ship was burned at her pier at West Ninety-seventh street and Hudson River on May 23.

There is a rich mine of salvage in the old vessel, said a Navy Department announcement yesterday. There are 71,000 pounds of copper, 57,000 pounds of composite metal, 316 tons of iron, two locomotive boilers, 150 fathoms of chain, anchors, stores and the like. Her timbers are of hard oak and knees and planks are suitable for making furniture.

There are believed to be no openings in the hull below the waterline except portholes, and once these are closed the vessel could readily be pumped out and towed away. The successful bidder must remove her within four months.

The Granite State, formerly the New Hampshire, was built in 1815 at Kittery, Me. For the last fifteen years she had been used as a training ship for the New York Naval Militia.

FIRE NEAR BY ALARMS SLEEPERS IN HOTEL

Many Guests Hysterical, but Police Quiet Them.

Guests of the St. George Hotel, 325 Broadway, became alarmed early this morning when fire started on the top floor of the four story building at 327 Broadway, between Twelfth and Thirtieth streets. Smoke drifted into the windows and several of the hotel employees, thinking the building was on fire, went from floor to floor waking the guests.

Many of the guests became hysterical and rushed down to the lobby in their night clothes and dragging behind them their trunks and suitcases. The manager went among them, however, and explained where the fire was and with the aid of the police succeeded in quieting the guests so that they went back to bed. The fire was confined to the fourth floor. The damage estimated by the Fire Department was \$25,000.

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Bishop Declines to Talk About Plans of Rector and Mrs. Rita Lydig.

Bishop Manning of the Episcopal Diocese of New York yesterday declined to make clear what his attitude is or would be toward the forthcoming marriage of Mrs. Rita Lydig, who has been the plaintiff in two divorces, to the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, rector of the Church of the Ascension. The Bishop arrived yesterday from California to pass a few hours in this city before going on to Seal Harbor, Me., to join his family at their summer home.

"I regret that I am unable to make any statement at the present time regarding the marriage of Mrs. Lydig to the Rev. Dr. Grant," the Bishop said. He was seen in Trinity Church following the funeral there of Victor Baier, for many years organist of Trinity. When the Bishop was asked when such a statement might be forthcoming, he replied: "Neither can I answer that question. I am sorry, but all I can say is that I cannot say anything at present. I am leaving to-night to join my family at Seal Harbor."

When the Bishop's attention was drawn to a statement in which he was quoted as saying: "In any case where it is possible I might be called in judicial capacity, I must refuse to answer any questions," he replied: "I wish you would make it clear that I have made no statement concerning this matter, nor have I authorized any statement."

When the Bishop was asked if it might be inferred that Dr. Grant had informed him of his intention to marry Mrs. Lydig, he smiled, shook his head and replied: "I cannot answer that question."

It is said that when Dr. Grant told the Bishop of his engagement and asked if he would regard the wedding as being contrary to church canons, his answer was that the marriage would be in direct conflict with church canons. At the time of the engagement announcement two weeks ago Dr. Grant said: "Certainly I do not intend to go about seeking the advice of others or listening to any objections that might be raised."

Dr. Grant yesterday denied himself to reporters at the rectory of the Church of the Ascension. At Beaver Lodge, his country home near Bedford Village, N. Y., which Mrs. Lydig has leased for the summer, it was said that no arrangements had been made for the wedding. At the time of the engagement it was said that the marriage would take place in the autumn.

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11,250,000,000 Papers Printed Each Year in U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—More than eleven and a quarter billion copies of daily newspapers are printed annually in the United States, averaging one copy a day for every three and one-fifth persons of the country's total population, latest statistics of the Bureau of the Census show.

Circulation of the nation's 2,433 daily newspapers aggregated 32,735,937 copies a day, an increase of 13.8 per cent. in the five years since 1914. The circulation of the 592 Sunday newspapers was 19,929,834 copies each Sunday during 1919, an increase of 14.9 per cent.

The printing and publishing industry's products were valued in 1919 at \$1,528,856,503, of which newspapers alone contributed \$612,718,515.

FURRIERS GO TO JAIL IN LUXURY TAX CASE

Schwartz and Sultz Draw Thirty Days and Fine of \$100 for Fraud.

Joseph Schwartz and Harry Sultz, furriers formerly in partnership at 15 Bleeker street, yesterday pleaded guilty before Judge Sheppard in the Federal District Court to an indictment charging violation of the luxury tax law. They were the second conviction under the law in this district.

Judge Sheppard on fining the first offenders, Martin and Martin, Fifth avenue, had said he would send all other violators to jail. He kept his promise by sentencing Schwartz and Sultz to the Tombs for thirty days.

He also fined each \$100.

Schwartz and Sultz were accused of having failed to report and pay to the Government the 10 per cent. fur taxes on business done in 1919 and 1920. Carl Brecher and David V. Cahill, Assistant United States Attorneys, said that the irregularities were called to the attention of Schwartz and Sultz they paid the taxes and penalties for 1919, amounting to \$1,447, but failed to pay the \$9,951 due for 1920.

An examination of the furriers' books revealed that while they had not reported taxes for the years complained of, they had collected the 10 per cent. from their customers.

Judge Sheppard said the prosecution of Herber P. Martin of Martin & Martin had revealed to him the magnitude of the tax evasion in this district. The heaviest fines possible under the law were imposed on the Martins.